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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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In re Application of:

Inventor: Kevin S. McCurley et al

Serial #: 09/260,448

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Title: SECURE USER-LEVEL TUNNELS ON
THE INTERNET

Examiner: Christopher A. Revak

Group Art Unit: 2131

Appeal No.: _____

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OFFICIAL**BRIEF OF APPELLANTS****MAIL STOP APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.192, Appellants' attorney hereby submits the Brief of Appellants, in triplicate, on appeal from the final rejection in the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action dated December 31, 2003.

Please charge the amount of \$330.00 to cover the required fee for filing this Brief of Appellants as set forth under 37 CFR §1.17(c) to Deposit Account No. 09-0441 of IBM Corporation the assignee of the present application. Also, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is IBM Corporation, the assignee of the present application.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no related appeals or interferences for the above-referenced patent application.

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